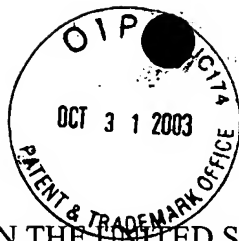


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Sir :

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, §1.97-1.98, Applicant hereby call the following documents to the Examiner's attention:

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 3-33710, published on February 14, 1991, together with English language patent family member U.S. Patent No. 5,100,223 to ONO et al., issued on March 31, 1992. Applicant notes that the U.S. Patent is discussed on page 2 of the specification of the instant application;

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 7-20381, published on January 24, 1995, together with English language patent family member U.S. Patent No. 5,570,233 to MIHARA et al., issued on October 29, 1996. Applicant notes that the U.S. Patent is discussed on page 2 of the specification of the instant application;

U.S. Patent No. 6,128,140 to YONEYAMA, issued on October 3, 2000;

U.S. Patent No. 6,353,505 to YONEYAMA, issued on March 5, 2002;

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U.S. Patent No. 6,487,023 to YONEYAMA, issued on November 26, 2002; and

U.S. Patent No. 6,580,565 to OZAKI, issued on June 17, 2003.

Applicant respectfully request that the Examiner consider the above materials and cite the patent documents. Copies of the above-noted documents are attached and have been listed on a PTO-1449 Form which is also attached hereto. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached PTO-1449 Form and to return a copy of the Form to the Applicant with the next official communication in the present application to confirm consideration of these documents.

Applicant also brings to the Examiner's attention the following copending and commonly assigned patent applications:

U.S. Patent Application No. 10/412,579 to EGUCHI, entitled "Zoom Lens System", filed on April 14, 2003; and

U.S. Patent Application No. 10/610,551 to YONEYAMA, entitled "Zoom Lens System", filed on July 2, 2003.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2)(iii), copies of the above-mentioned applications are attached hereto. However, the Examiner is also requested to review the file wrapper of these U.S. patent applications at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office and the references of record, if any, cited therein.

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Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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